

Minutes of Transition Black Isle Admin (Directors) meeting on Thursday 21 January 2021 at 7.30, held online by Zoom

Present : Julian Paren (chair), Martin Sherring, Jimmie Hepburn, Peter Moffatt, Sheila Currie, Anne Thomas, Julie Gibson, Penny Hepburn

Apologies : None

Minute taker : Julie

Item	Discussion	Action
Minutes of meeting 8 Dec 2020	Accepted	
Matters arising	<p>Active Travel: Due to Covid restrictions JP unable to have planned meeting with the FLS Planning Officer. Discussions have gone from area to regional level: regional officer happy to attend TBI Admin meeting to answer questions. Julian to arrange meeting and those interested can attend. Meanwhile onsite meeting at Cloutie Well will take place later.</p> <p>Bikes: AT still trying to get the ebikes back from Black Isle Cares – closed due to Covid. Will continue to attempt and in meantime will order two replacement batteries for the BI Cares bikes. (Old models – risk of ceasing to manufacture them.)</p> <p>Markets: Little shift – Crockett been ill and looks possibly longterm. Has moved online hub forward slightly, leaflets been sent out to local providers, and has registered with Neighbourhood Network. But likely to need help to take forward. Martin to speak to Crockett to discuss.</p> <p>Cycle clubs: MS has made contact in N Kessock and Fortrose – Asia Cielecka in Fortrose keen to get started. Covid restrictions prevent this (and weather/short days) – Martin has passed over documentation so Asia can work on drafts of local versions, will send to Martin for oversight.</p> <p>Black Isle Partnership Working Groups: Logo and strapline almost ready then groups can be engaged. Julian to keep us informed.</p> <p>North Kessock Larder: Anne advised that the shed needs guttering and a waterbutt to prevent water ingress and damage; is in discussion with church for these. If needbe would ask TBI for funds to cover. Sheila offered spare guttering she has and suggestion by others that someone may have a spare waterbutt. Anne to pursue these options.</p> <p>Moofood video: Penny has produced a video on how to make wax cloths for Moofood's current project members. not accessible by general public. No response to her query whether TBI could have access – will follow up.</p> <p>A9 Speed Limit: Julian reported no further response from Transport Scotland/ Police.</p> <p>GQT and follow-up: excellent GQT zoom event, congratulations given to Penny, Jimmie and Julian. Discussion followed as to whether other quiz evenings, similar format different relevant themes would be possible. Julian/all to think about ideas; Sheila to put request in newsletter for ideas.</p>	<p>JP</p> <p>AT</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>JP</p> <p>AT</p> <p>PH</p> <p>JP/ SC/ all</p>

Items for decision		
Tattie Host strategy in place of Potato Day	See Julie's paper. Agreed (Peter excepted) that strategy to get seed tatties out is acceptable within local Covid restrictions. Relevant advertising to include advice to customers to organise tattie collection trip as part of other essential travel undertaken/ exercise regime.	JG/Planning group
Highland Council Pension Fund	TBI has been asked along with many other organisations to support a campaign by Highland Palestine to persuade Highland Council to exercise responsible control over investments made on their behalf by the Highland Council Pension Fund. In particular they want the Council to incorporate in their 'Statement of Investment Principles' clear criteria regarding types of investments which should be made or avoided on ethical, environmental, social and governance grounds, and to ensure that these criteria are followed by fund managers actually making the investments. In March the Council will be renewing its statement of investment principals, and the aim is to encourage an inclusion of an ethical dimension. Agreed something we can support. Julian will send a letter to that effect.	

Items for discussion / information / update		
Membership	No new members. Julian to remember to include Alaine in Admin Group zoom link/ agenda and papers emails.	JP
Treasurer's Report	No big surprises. Likely to be deficit this year of c £11.5k, made up of £7K – HGFC Conversation; £1K reprint of AT map; £1K website; £2K market organisers payments while no market income. Started year c £29K; will end with c £18K Sustrans income/outgoings separate to this.	
Highland Good Food Conversation	Two sessions taken place at time of this Admin meeting. Going well. 95 delegates in total signed up; 10 facilitators. On the first 2 Mondays c 85 on the call. Energy and enthusiasm remarkable. The current question/challenge is how to get the themed groups to pull together one cohesive idea to work on (10 groups working on themes) and develop forward after the Monday sessions. Delegates include staff and councillors from HC, HIE staff, Scottish Food and Drink reps...all of which will help the momentum built up to go forward after this phase. One of the themed groups looking at a Highland Online Food Hub – will this clash with or replace TBI plans with Crockett ??	
Food & Growing Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potato Day cancelled. • Alternative strategy – tattie hosts across BI. About 1/3 usual quantity tatties ordered from Skea. • Grow North workshops on hold for next few months, would hope to resume in autumn. Anyone who'd like to put on online alternatives – feel free to do so. • GQT – see Matters Arising. Excellent evening, about 20+ participants. 	

Avoch – Munloch	<p>Still no meaningful engagement from landowners and tenants. Supposed to be going to Public Consultation Stage 15 Feb-15 March. Will be an online document which can be downloaded and 3 occasions when can drop in to a one hour session for online Qs. (Martin reported similar approach in Culbokie worked well, although no-one attended drop ins)</p> <p>Julian has written an article for Black Isle Partnership Newsletter, Chatterbox and TBI Newsletter and as a summary for the consultants. Sustrans have suggested modifications playing down suggestions that Highland Council might potentially have to use legal powers.</p>	
Economics for Activists	Peter and Julian recommended webinars on economics for activists. On Modern Monetary Theory. Stimulating and informative. Anyone can join in.	
Recommended reading	Website list of recommended reading v out of date which Peter had circulated asking for additions/deletions. Led to discussion of how to engage people/ get activity on eg this webpage, the recently discovered blog page on the website/ facebook etc Idea suggested of a zoom chat on books read/videos viewed.	
National Active Travel Conference 2021	Sheila submitted an email response on TBIs behalf to a request for possible submissions/contributions to this Conference. Uncertain as to what format this ultimately might involve, eg possibly a 10 min overview of what we do ? All v happy for Sheila to take this forward and represent TBI if Conference requests an eventual contribution from us.	
TBI Vision	Peter has circulated past papers and a Transition Network session plan for working on group visioning. To be discussed in the future.	
AOCB	<p>Website – progress happening slowly. One of current issues the menu. Group preference is to have 2 lines across page.</p> <p>Inner Moray Firth Development Plan – Consultation starts 29 Jan.until 1st April. Martin highlighted the report, that there are interesting elements from TBI perspective and meeting agreed to discuss more at next meeting.</p> <p>Inverness Science Festival 1st May – online family day. Penny has some ideas, Drastic Plastic to offer something.</p>	
Future meetings	<p>Thursday 11 March 7.30 Zoom</p> <p>Thursday 22 April 7.30 Zoom</p>	